REMARKS

This responds to the final office action mailed on September 30, 2008. Claims 18 and 30 are amended. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of these amendments and the following remarks.

Examiner's Interview

The undersigned thanks Examiner Ke for the courtesies extended during a telephone interview on November 20, 2008. During the interview, the pending claims and cited Balakrishnan reference (U.S. 5,952,942) were discussed. The above amendments to claims 18 and 30 are based on discussions with the Examiner about limitations that would overcome the current rejections. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if, upon further review, these amendment would not be sufficient to overcome the current rejections.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Independent claims 18 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. as being obvious over Balakrishnan in view of Monghanni and Veres. The Applicant respectfully disagrees with these rejections and submits that claims 18 and 30 are patentably distinct from these references. For instance, as explained in the previous office action response, the cited references do not teach or suggest a plurality of mapping tables for translating textual input or a text input handler that receives a textual input and selects one of the mapping tables... based on the particular input filed selected by the user to enter the textual input, as recited in claim 18, or that a keystroke on a text input device may result in a different language output being displayed on the GUI depending on which of the plurality of input fields is selected by the user to receive the input, as recited in claims 18 and 30. Further, the newly cited Veres reference does not cure these deficiencies in
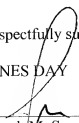
the prior art. Nonetheless, claims 18 and 30 have been amended for clarity and to further distinguish over the cited references.

Claims 18 and 30 have been amended to specify that the mapping table (which translates the input into a specific language) is automatically selected based on which of a plurality of simultaneously displayed input fields are selected by the user to enter a textual input and based on which of the plurality of mapping tables has been pre-defined for the selected input field. The claims have also been amended to clarify that at least two of the simultaneously displayed input fields have different pre-defined mapping tables such that different language outputs may result depending on which input field is selected to input text. For example, in the case of an electronic messaging application, an English language mapping table may be pre-defined for the "TO" field, while a different language mapping table is pre-defined for other electronic messaging fields. In this example, selection of the "TO" field by the user will automatically cause the inputted text to be displayed in English, while selection of another simultaneously displayed field of the electronic message will cause the inputted text to be displayed in a different pre-defined language. This is clearly different from anything disclosed in the Baladrishnan reference or any of the other cited references.

For at least these reasons, the Applicant respectfully requests that the amendments be entered and that the application be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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